



Historical Commission

Fitchburg City Hall – 166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108- Fitchburg, MA 01420

Minutes

6:00 PM Thursday January 5, 2017

Meeting at Fitchburg Wallace Library, 610 Main Street, 2nd floor meeting room

Members of FHC present: Keith Chenot, Ellen di Geronimo, Don Ostrowski, Susan Roetzer, Steve Twining

Member of FHC absent: Sam Blair, Charles Sternaimolo,

1. Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2016, Approved
2. Commission updated on letter request from Alisa Augustein concerning Academy Street School and Fitchburg Stable.
3. Report by Keith on repairing historic cast iron fence around Monument Park. Eleven balusters missing. **Action item:** Keith will do estimate and e-mail to rest of FHC. Steve reported that the new cannon carriages will cost \$31,500 and that he had a positive response from the mayor when he asked about repairing them.
4. Re-Dedication of Monument Park will occur on Thursday, May 11, 2017, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.
5. Missed CDBG application deadline. FHC will go ahead with inventory anyway and apply to Mass. Historical Commission for matching-funds grant.
6. Letter sent by Keith and Ellen to the Mayor and the Director of Community Development to express the FHC's support of the proposed Moran Square historic district.
7. Ellen and Don reported on meeting with Christine Mele and Trevor Bonilla on continued progress on FHC Web Site. **Action item:** Don needs to send Christine available FHC Meeting Minutes for posting.
8. It was reported that the mayor will hire a consultant on plans to renovate City Hall.
9. New Business: Need for FHC to exercise its educational opportunities. Larry Casassa leaving at the end of January. Need to get his replacement Sue Christian to meet with FHC. Also ask Mary Jo Bohart to meet with us.